

DRAFT AGENDA

YUKON-KUSKOWKIM DELTA SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

October 5-6, 2006

Long House Bethel Inn

751 3rd Avenue – Bethel, Alaska

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. each day

Evening session may be called by the Chair

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Public comments are welcomed for each agenda item. Please fill out the green comment form or be recognized by the Chair. Public testimony time limits may be given by the Chair to provide opportunity for all to testify and to keep on schedule.

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AREA CONCERNS: The Regional Advisory Council arranges its meetings to hear and understand the subsistence concerns of the area where they meet. Please feel free to share your subsistence concerns and knowledge during the meeting. The agenda is an outline for the meeting and is open to the area's subsistence concerns, whether it is listed or not.

Thursday October 5, 2006 and Friday October 6, 2006

Meeting Agenda 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., or until meeting is concluded

- 1. Call to order** (*Harry Wilde, Chair*)
- 2. Roll call and establishment of quorum** (*Mary Gregory, Secretary*) **5**
- 3. Invocation** (*Local Pastor or Elder*)
- 4. Housekeeping items and announcements** (*Alex Nick*)
- 5. Review and adoption of draft agenda** (*Council*)
- 6. Review and adoption of draft unapproved minutes from February 22-24, 2006**
Council meeting in Emmonak (*Council*) **6**
- 7. Regional Advisory Council concerns and comments** (*Council*)

8. Subsistence fisheries issues

- A. Subsistence fisheries post-season review—Joint Federal/State presentation (*Mike Rearden/John Linderman*)
- B. Deferral of Yukon-Northern Area fisheries proposals (*Don Rivard*)
- C. Alaska Board of Fisheries AYK proposals for Yukon-Kuskokwim—Review and recommendations (*Don Rivard*)
- D. Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association’s stakeholders group progress report
- E. Salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands pollock fishery (*Becca Robbins*)
- F. Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program
 - 1) Draft 2007 Fisheries Resource Monitoring Plan (*Cliff Schleusner*) **22**
 - a. Yukon River Region—Council Review and Recommendation..... **28**
 - b. Kuskokwim Region—Council Review and Recommendation **53**
 - 2) Strategic Planning Update
 - 3) Partners for Fisheries Monitoring Program
 - a. Yukon Region (*David Waltemyer, Association of Village Council Presidents*)
 - b. Kuskokwim Region (*Eva Patton, Association of Village Council Presidents*)
 - c. Kuskokwim Native Association fisheries program update (*Heather Hildebrand*)

9. Subsistence wildlife issues

- A. WP06-30 public education plan update, Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta (*Mike Rearden*)
- B. Call for 2007–2008 Federal wildlife proposals (*Alex Nick*)
- C. Customary Trade for Subsistence Foods (*Greg Roczicka*)

10. 805(c) Federal Subsistence Board actions report, Annual Report reply, 2006 Annual Report topics (*Alex Nick*)

- A. 805(c) Federal Subsistence Board wildlife actions report (*Alex Nick*) **72**
- B. 2005 Annual Report reply (*Alex Nick*)..... **82**
- C. 2006 Annual Report topics (*Alex Nick*)

11. Agency/organization reports

A. Office of Subsistence Management

- 1) Call for comments on proposed rule for Rural Determinations (*Action Item*) **86**
- 2) Update on Council composition (*Staff*) **97**
- 3) Updates on Closure Reviews, Subsistence Use Amounts, and Customary and Traditional Use Determinations policies (*Staff*) **98**
- 4) Update on the Kenai Subsistence Resource Region and Council (*handout*)
- 5) Southeast Council's draft petition to the Secretaries concerning hunting licenses (*Action Item, Don Rivard*) **99**
- 6) Update on avian bird flu (*Handout*)

B. National Wildlife Refuges

- 1) Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge
- 2) Togiak National Wildlife Refuge **108**

C. Alaska Department of Fish and Game

D. Association of Village Council Presidents

E. Tribal representatives

F. Municipal government representatives

G. ANCSA Village Corporation representatives

H. Other organizations

12. Regional Council business

A. Review of Council charter (*Alex Nick*) **114**

B. Election of officers

- a. Chair
- b. Vice chair
- c. Secretary

C. Appointments

- 1) Lower Yukon River CFC members
- 2) Lower Kuskokwim River CFC members

- D. Confirm next meeting on March 15-16, 2007 in Hooper Bay (*Alex Nick*)..... 117
 - E. Determine date and place for fall 2007 fisheries meeting (*Alex Nick*)..... 118
- 13. Closing Comments** (*Council*)
- 14. Adjourn** (*Chair*)

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